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SBA SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR 2007 SMALL BUSINESS WEEK AWARDS

Santa Ana, Calif. – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is soliciting nominations for its Small Business Week Awards 2007 celebration. Nominations are due to the Santa Ana District SBA office by **November 24, 2006**. National awards will be presented during National Small Business Week in 2007.

Outstanding Small Business Owners are honored in the following categories:

- Small Business Person of the Year
- Exporter of the Year
- SBA Young Entrepreneur (under age 30 before June 2007)
- Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year

The *Small Business Person of the Year* award is evaluated on staying power, growth in employment, increase in sales/unit volume, innovation, response to adversity, and community involvement.

Small Business Champion awards are presented to persons who have used their professional skills or personal talents to further public understanding and awareness of small business in the following categories:

- Minority Small Business Champion
- Women in Business Champion
- Veteran Small Business Champion
- Home-Based Business Champion
- Financial Services Champion
- Small Business Journalist

Nominations in all Small Business Week award categories can be made by any individual or organization, such as professional and trade associations, business organizations, chambers of commerce, banks, or small business employees.

Nomination Preparation Workshops are being conducted to teach you how to identify a candidate and show you techniques for writing and preparing a winning package. You will also be able to view previous winner packages and discuss key elements of your nomination package. Workshops are being held:

September 20, 2006 & 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
October 18, 2006

SBA – Santa Ana Office, 200 W. Santa Ana Blvd.,
Ste. 700, Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 550-7420

September 20, 2006 & 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
October 11, 2006

IE Small Business Development Center, 1201
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For more information on the nomination process or to register for a workshop, please contact Sylvia Gutierrez at the SBA at (714) 560-7454 or sylvia.gutierrez@sba.gov. Nomination forms are available at www.sba.gov/ca/santa.